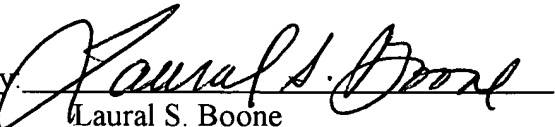


The Applicants' representative wishes to again thank Examiner Portner for kindly granting the interview of January 28, 2000.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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